

Agency 19

Governmental Ethics Commission

Editor's Note:

Effective July 1, 1998, the Kansas commission on governmental standards and conduct was redesignated as the governmental ethics commission. Rules and regulations of the Kansas commission on governmental standards and conduct were by law specifically retained in force and effect and became the rules and regulations of the governmental ethics commission until amended or revoked by the successor commission.

Editor's Note:

Effective July 1, 1991, the Kansas commission on governmental standards and conduct was created to replace the Kansas public disclosure commission. Rules and regulations of the Kansas public disclosure commission were by law specifically retained in force and effect and became the rules and regulations of the Kansas commission on governmental standards and conduct until amended or revoked by the successor commission.

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Article 6.—DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURES

19-6-1. Nondisclosure and public record. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by relevant law and as provided in K.A.R. 19-5-5, the following shall be confidential:

(A) All records, complaints, and documents of the commission and all reports filed with, submitted to, or made by the commission; and

(B) all records and transcripts of investigations, inquiries, and hearings of the commission under K.S.A. 46-215 et seq. and K.S.A. 25-4142 et seq. and amendments thereto.

(2) The items specified in this subsection shall not be open to inspection by any individual other than a member of the commission, an employee of the commission, or a state officer or employee designated to assist the commission.

(b) Nothing contained in this regulation shall prohibit any disclosure that is reasonable and necessary to investigate any matter. The following shall be public records and open to public inspection:

(1) Each complaint and any amendments after a determination that probable cause exists;

(2) each answer and any amendments with the consent of the respondent;

(3) any matter presented at a public meeting or public hearing; and

(4) each report of the commission stating a final finding of fact.

(c) Any person subject to an investigation and any respondent may release any report or order issued pursuant to K.A.R. 19-3-1 or K.A.R. 19-5-9 and may comment on the report or order. The confidentiality requirements of relevant law shall be met by all members of the commission and its staff. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 25-4119a, K.S.A. 46-253; implementing K.S.A. 25-4161, 25-4165, 46-256, and 46-259; effective, E-76-52, Oct. 24, 1975; effective, E-77-20, May 1, 1976; effective Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1980; amended Feb. 12, 2010.)

Article 22.—CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

19-22-1. Contributions. (a) General. None of the following shall constitute a contribution if the transaction is made in the ordinary

course of business or complies with common trade practices and the transaction does not have as its purpose the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state office:

- (1) A transfer of goods and services;
- (2) the forgiving of a debt; or
- (3) the rendering of a discount.

The carryover of funds or inventory by a candidate, candidate committee, party committee, or political committee from one election period to another shall not constitute a contribution.

(b) Candidate contributions. The transfer of a candidate's personal funds to the candidate's treasurer for use by the treasurer in the candidate's campaign shall constitute a contribution made by the candidate.

(c) In-kind contributions. An in-kind contribution shall constitute a contribution. Those transactions that are excluded from the definition of in-kind contribution shall also be excluded from the definition of contribution. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-4119a; implementing K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-4143 (e)(1); effective, E-76-56, Nov. 26, 1975; effective, E-77-20, May 1, 1976; effective Feb. 15, 1977; effective May 1, 1980; amended Feb. 18, 2011.)

Article 23.—EXPENDITURES AND OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

19-23-1. Expenditures. Costs associated with attending informational meetings of the commission or otherwise obtaining information from the commission shall not constitute expenditures. Costs associated with defending actions brought pursuant to the act shall not constitute expenditures. Costs associated with employing accountants, attorneys, or other persons for advice concerning the requirements of the act or for keeping accounts and records shall constitute expenditures. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-4119a; implementing K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-4143 (g)(1); effective, E-76-56, Nov. 26, 1975; effective, E-77-20, May 1, 1976; amended, E-77-47, Sept. 30, 1976; effective Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1980; amended Feb. 18, 2011.)

Article 30.—CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS

19-30-4. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1991 Supp. 25-4119a; implementing K.S.A. 25-4153; effective, E-77-20, May 1, 1976; amended, E-77-47, Sept. 30, 1976; effective Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1980; amended May 1, 1982; amended June 22, 1992; revoked Feb. 18, 2011.)